



**OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL**  
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Subject: OIG Freedom of Information Act Request No. 2019-IGFO-00176  
Final Response

Dear Mr. Free:

This responds to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request to the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Office of Inspector General (OIG), dated June 12, 2019, seeking all materials relied upon by DHS-OIG in preparation of Report No. OIG-19-46, including, but not limited to, photographs, interview notes, and electronic or paper communications; All responses from Department of Homeland Security agency components, including, but not limited to, ICE, CBP, and Immigrant Health Services Corps, regarding the recommendations in Report No. OIG-19-46. All follow-up communications from OIG to any DHS agency component or Congressional liaison based on Report No. OIG-19-46. All communications between OIG and subject-matter experts, including, but not limited to, public health officials. Your request was received in this office on June 13, 2019.

In response to your request, a search of the DHS-OIG Office of Inspections was conducted. That search resulted in the enclosed records responsive to your request. We reviewed the responsive records under the FOIA to determine whether they may be disclosed to you. Based on that review, this office is providing the following:

28 page(s) are released in full (RIF);  
44 page(s) are released in part (RIP);  
72 page(s) are withheld in full (WIF);  
0 page(s) were referred to another entity.

The exemptions cited for withholding records or portions of records are marked below.

Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. § 552			Privacy Act, 5 U.S.C. § 552a
<input type="checkbox"/> 552(b)(1)	<input type="checkbox"/> 552(b)(5)	<input type="checkbox"/> 552(b)(7)(C)	<input type="checkbox"/> 552a(j)(2)
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<input type="checkbox"/> 552(b)(3)	<input type="checkbox"/> 552(b)(7)(A)	<input type="checkbox"/> 552(b)(7)(E)	<input type="checkbox"/> 552a(k)(5)
<input type="checkbox"/> 552(b)(4)	<input type="checkbox"/> 552(b)(7)(B)	<input type="checkbox"/> 552(b)(7)(F)	<input type="checkbox"/> Other:

OIG redacted from the enclosed documents, names and identifying information of third parties to protect the identities of these individuals. Absent a Privacy Act waiver, the release of such information concerning the third parties named in these records would result in an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy in violation of the Privacy Act. Information is also protected from disclosure pursuant to Exemptions b6 of the FOIA further discussed below.

### **Exemption 6, 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(6)**

Exemption 6 allows withholding of “personnel and medical files and *similar files* the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.” 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(6)(emphasis added). DHS-OIG is invoking Exemption 6 to protect: the names of third parties and any information that could reasonably be expected to identify such individuals. In addition, pursuant to a previous consultation with the ICE FOIA unit, DHS-OIG was directed to invoke Exemption (b)(6) for Alien Registration numbers.

### **Appeal**

You have the right to appeal this response.<sup>1</sup> Your appeal must be in writing and received within 90 days after the date of this response. Please address any appeal to:

FOIA/PA Appeals Unit  
DHS-OIG Office of Counsel  
Stop 0305  
245 Murray Lane, SW

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<sup>1</sup> For your information, Congress excluded three discrete categories of law enforcement and national security records from the requirements of the FOIA. 5 U.S.C. 552(c) (2006 & Supp. IV 2010). This response is limited to those records that are subject to the requirements of the FOIA. This is a standard notification that is given to all our requesters and should not be taken as an indication that excluded records do, or do not, exist.

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Both the envelope and letter of appeal must be clearly marked “Freedom of Information Act/Privacy Act Appeal.” Your appeal letter must also clearly identify the DHS-OIG’s response. Additional information on submitting an appeal is set forth in the DHS regulations at 6 C.F.R. § 5.8.

### **Assistance and Dispute Resolution Services**

Should you need assistance with your request, you may contact DHS-OIG’s FOIA Public Liaison. You may also seek dispute resolution services from our FOIA Public Liaison. You may contact DHS-OIG’s FOIA Public Liaison in any of the following ways:

FOIA Public Liaison  
DHS-OIG Counsel  
STOP 0305  
245 Murray Lane, SW  
Washington, DC 20528-0305  
Phone: 202-981-6100  
Fax: 202-245-5217  
E-mail: [foia.oig@oig.dhs.gov](mailto:foia.oig@oig.dhs.gov)

Additionally, the 2007 FOIA amendments created the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS) to offer mediation services to resolve disputes between FOIA requesters and federal agencies as a non-exclusive alternative to litigation. If you are requesting access to your own records (which is considered a Privacy Act request), you should know that OGIS does not have the authority to handle requests made under the Privacy Act of 1974. Using OGIS services does not affect your right to pursue litigation. You may contact OGIS in any of the following ways:

Office of Government Information Services  
National Archives and Records Administration  
8601 Adelphi Road - OGIS  
College Park, MD 20740-6001  
E-mail: [ogis@nara.gov](mailto:ogis@nara.gov)  
Web: <https://ogis.archives.gov>  
Telephone: 202-741-5770  
Fax: 202-741-5769  
Toll-free: 1-877-684-6448

If you have any questions about this response, please contact us at 202-981-6100.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure(s)